

## Civic Group Acts To Ease Levies On Georgia Ave.

### Position Reversed On Asking County To Share Expense

Use of Montgomery County funds to relieve property owners along Georgia avenue of higher assessment costs had the approval of the Allied Civic Group of Silver Spring today.

The resolution, adopted 19 to 9, calling for "a measure of assessment relief" was a reversal of the group's previous position on the issue. Earlier, the civic body had adopted the view that abutting property owners should bear all of the costs of new sidewalks, curbs and other improvements along that portion of Georgia avenue being widened between Colesville road and Glenmont.

### Snare Re-elected President.

In the resolution offered by William Morris, chairman of the Foothills Highway Committee, the group said the front footage assessment should not exceed the average assessment for similar improvements on other primary and secondary residential streets. The county should make up the difference in the higher costs for heavier construction work along Georgia avenue, the group believes.

Robert T. Snure, Northwood Park—Four Corners Citizens' Association, was re-elected president. Other officers named at the meeting in the Liqueur Dispensary Building are: Louis A. Palmer, of Capitol View Citizens' Association, vice president; Mrs. Betty Ruth McDewitt, Woodside Park Civic Association, secretary; and Willard Morris, Clifton Park Citizens' Association, treasurer.

### Other Business Actions.

In other business the delegates took the following actions:

1. Indorsed the county-proposed hospital bill as meeting most of the proposals of the Silver Spring Hospital Association already approved by the group.

2. Urged the completion of plans for a Montgomery Blair High School gymnasium during the coming fiscal year and its construction in 1951-52.

3. Also urged the construction of a large community auditorium at the school in 1953-54.

4. Backed the request of the Montgomery County Police Association for police salary increases to permit salaries equivalent to those of police in Washington.

5. Set June 12 as the date for the group's annual banquet at Stone House Inn.

## Maryland Youth, 17, Kills Himself at Russian Roulette

By the Associated Press

WESTMINSTER, Md., May 23.—George William Martin, 17, found a pistol in a drawer at Carol Miller's home last night. So he was showing his date how "Russian roulette" was played.

Carol wanted him to put the gun down and stop "showing off." "I thought he would stop that foolishness if I walked out of the room," the 15-year-old girl told State Police Corp. James Simmons.

As she went out the door, she heard a pistol shot.

Young Martin died on the way to a Baltimore hospital, a bullet wound in his temple.

Police listed it as suicide.

"Russian roulette" is played by inserting one cartridge into an empty revolver, spinning the chamber and pulling the trigger with the gun pointed at your head, taking a chance the hammer will strike an empty chamber.

## Nashville Bishop Speaking At Seminary Graduation

By the Associated Press

WESTMINSTER, Md., May 23.—Eighteen members of the graduating class at Westminster Seminary, most of them already embarked on careers as ministers, were to hear Bishop Paul B. Kern of Nashville at commencement exercises this afternoon.

The class includes Ralph G. Barrett, Timonium, Md.; Vance N. Clark, Altoona, Pa.; Stanley E. Emrich of Baltimore and Haddonfield, Va.; William A. Getchey, Carlisle, Pa.; Grant E. Hooper, York Springs, Pa.; Donald E. Lewis, Baltimore, student pastor at Pleasant Hill Methodist Church in Owings Mills; Dale E. Ruth, Easton, Md.; Roy C. Vernon, Ashton, Md.; Robert S. Wagner, Chambersburg, Pa.; and Harry V. Webb, student pastor of the Lay Hill Free Methodist Church near Colesville, Md.

## Boy Stuck for Hour In Hole at Oxon Hill Freed Minus Pants

A 7-year-old Oxon Hill boy was wedged in a post hole 3 feet deep for nearly an hour last night before he was freed by his father and neighbors.

The boy, Robert S. Phillips, Jr., was uninjured, but he lost his trousers as he was pulled out.

Officials of the Glassman Apartments, just over the District line, where the boy lives, said the hole was one of a series which had been dug for ornamental lamp posts.

They said a board covering the hole apparently had been removed by children in the neighborhood.

## 84-Year-Old's Alienation Suit Against Daughter Due for Jury

An 84-year-old man's charge that his daughter and son-in-law alienated the affections of his 86-year-old wife was to be given to an Arlington Circuit Court jury today. He seeks \$10,000 damages.

George S. Hulme, retired hotel engineer, who now lives at 604 South Oak street, Falls Church, charged that Mr. and Mrs. William P. Ristau, 4011 North Twentieth road, Arlington, "enticed" his wife away from home in 1948 and will not let him, his son, or three other daughters see her. The Hulmes, English born, have been married for 58 years.

The suit, attorneys said, climaxes a family feud of long standing. Mrs. Ristau and her sister, Miss Mabel Hulme, 2025 1 street N.W., are arrayed against their father. Mr. Hulme's contention is supported by his son, Henry, who testified the Ristaus refused to permit him to speak to his mother on the telephone; and three daughters, Mrs. Fannie Felows, with whom Mr. Hulme, the plaintiff, lives; Mrs. Stella Wilson; and Mrs. V. E. Golden.

**Saw Mother Once in 2 Years.** Mrs. Felows said that with one exception, she hadn't seen her mother in two years. "They block me every time I try to see her," she testified.

Denying that she had persuaded her mother to come and that she

kept other relatives away from Mrs. Hulme, Mrs. Ristau declared her mother was very happy with her. She said she had made plans for both parents to live at her house, but that Mr. Hulme had changed his mind and refused to move from the former family home at 932 North Kenmore street, Arlington. The house since has been sold.

Declaring that Mr. Hulme "never has been a real father to me," Mrs. Ristau said she would not let him live in her home and charged him with long abusing her mother while "the poor soul just stood there and took it." He often spoke of divorce, she said.

### Mrs. Hulme Unable to Appear.

Mr. Hulme had charged in his suit that the Ristaus had deprived him of the "comfort, companionship, society, affection, assistance, conjugal fellowship and consortium" of his wife.

Mrs. Hulme, described as feeble, was not in the court room, and a doctor's certificate was presented saying her health would not permit her appearance.

Closing arguments before Judge William D. Medley were to be presented the jury today. Roy G. Allman, Washington attorney, represents the plaintiff, while J. Foster Hagan, Arlington, is counsel for the Ristaus.

## Library Bill Needs Amending, 3 Groups In Montgomery Say

A bill proposing the establishment of a Department of Public Libraries for Montgomery County is "loosely drawn" and should be amended in several particulars, the County Council was told last night by spokesmen of three groups.

Three other groups indorsed the measure at a hearing in the Rockville Courthouse.

Introduced by Mrs. Ralph E. Himstead, the bill would set up a department under direction of a county librarian responsible to the county manager. This department would administer a county public library system with a bookmobile service for rural areas. The bill follows in general the recommendations of the Library Advisory Committee released on April 28. Mrs. Himstead said.

**Would Remove Tax.** It would authorize the county department to take over the two existing public library systems in Bethesda and Silver Spring, and eliminate their special tax of 6 and 4 cents, respectively, as of July 1, 1951.

Arthur Hilland, counsel for the Board of Trustees of the Bethesda Public Library, said he did not oppose the establishment of a county library system, but opposed this particular bill on the ground that it threatened the life of the Bethesda Library. He thought the section abolishing the special tax should be deleted.

**Calls for Board of Nine.** Roy C. Jacobson, representing the Silver Spring Library Board, said his board approved the bill with some minor amendments, the chief of which would make county library board membership nine, instead of seven.

The Bethesda and Silver Spring branches of the American Association of University Women termed the bill "inadequate," although they indorsed the principle of a county library system.

The bill had the support of the County League of Women Voters, the Library Committee of the County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, and the County Farm Bureau.

## North Carolina Trucks Lead Virginia Load Violations

By the Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va., May 23.—Nearly half the trucks detected violating Virginia highway load limits during an intensive check early this month near Richmond were registered in North Carolina, the State Highway Department reported today.

Of a total of 464 violators, the department said, 212—or 45.6 per cent—carried North Carolina license tags. About 3,400 vehicles were checked by a Highway Department weighing party during the drive.

Virginia vehicles found violating the statutory weight limitations numbered 73 and accounted for 15.7 per cent of the total.

Other violators included: Florida, 45; South Carolina, 30; Pennsylvania, 22; Maryland, 18; and the District of Columbia, 5.

## Arlington Schools Collect Clothes for Needy Children

Bundle Week for Save the Children Federation, Inc., is being observed in Arlington schools.

The federation collects children's clothing which is still usable and sends it to the needy in Greece and other European countries. It also helps children in the Southern mountains of the United States as well as Navajo children.

Arlington residents are asked to send any clothing donations to school with their children or to take the garments to the school.

Mrs. Edward S. Barber, 2809 North Second road, is Arlington chairman of the federation. Headquarters for this section of the United States is in Philadelphia.

## Civic Group To Elect

The recently organized East Falls Church Civic Association will elect its first officers at a meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Charles A. Stewart Elementary School, 2400 North Underwood street.

## Neighbors Vote On Annexation To Annapolis

### Proposal Would Add Almost 10,000 to City's Population

By the Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, May 23.—Residents of surrounding communities went to the polls today to decide whether to affiliate with the city of Annapolis.

Years of quarreling and planning culminated in the referendum on how big the State Capital should be.

Two questions were included on ballots for the 4,488 persons eligible to vote in the 11 adjacent communities proposed for annexation.

Should Annapolis annex its immediate environs and thus grow from a city of 737 square miles, 15,550 people and \$13,763,250 valuation to one of 5,55 square miles, 25,000 inhabitants and \$21,721,511 tax-book value?

If so, which of 19 candidates should fill eight new seats in an expanded City Council? Annapolis is now ruled by a mayor and eight aldermen.

Polling places opened for 12 hours at 7 a.m. (EDT).

Mechanics of annexation and the area involved were laid out by a charter commission created by the 1949 Legislature. After the proposals were publicized Mayor Roscoe C. Rowe and the Council passed a number of ordinances to take effect two days hence, if annexation carries.

Each voter could mark his ballot for two aldermen to represent his area in an enlarged council. The outlying areas have been divided into four wards.

Democrats held better than a 2-to-1 majority with their 3,051 registered voters. Republicans had 1,308 on the books. Seventeen registered as independents and one "labor." Eleven declined to specify a preference.

Residents of Annapolis itself will not vote.

## Knee Injury Blamed As Boy Hangs Himself

Robert Crawford, 15, son of a Washington man, hanged himself in Woodland Park, Md., because a knee injury prevented his playing baseball, friends believe.

The youth's body was found yesterday dangling from the limb of a pine tree. It was about 30 feet from his home in Anne Arundel County.

Dr. John M. Claffy, county medical examiner, issued a verdict of suicide.

A student at Annapolis High School, Bob played shortstop on the baseball team at Woodland Beach, which is near Beverly Beach. A trick knee caused him to be sidelined a week ago after his team defeated Mayo, 22-3. He was a spectator Sunday when his fellow players won their eighth straight game.

That night he sat at home eating ice cream and watching a television program. His mother, Mrs. Dorothy Shank, said he switched off the set and left the cottage. She became alarmed when he failed to return in a reasonable time.

After an all-night search the body was found. It had been suspended from the low tree limb by three belts, police reported.

Bob's father is Malcolm Crawford, 42, a laundry salesman here who lives in University City, a new subdivision in Prince Georges County.

## Evergam Elected Head Of Silver Spring Jaycees

G. Gregg Evergam, an attorney, was elected president of the Silver Spring Junior Chamber of Commerce last night. He succeeds Robert A. Wallace, who became general counsel.

Mr. Evergam recently concluded a term as president of the Montgomery County Community Chest and Council.

Other officers named by the Junior Chamber are: President, Prescott, Jr.; first vice president, Erasmus L. Deudone, second vice president, Jack E. Samperton, secretary, and Harrison T. Meserole, treasurer.

Frank Hewitt, Girard I. Reynolds and James C. Conley were chosen for two-year terms as directors, and Benjamin P. Elliott, Lawrence B. Maloney, Jr., and Benjamin C. Shaw, directors for one year.

They will be installed at a dinner dance June 26 at Stone House Inn, Four Corners.

## Maurice Towson Heads Rotary Unit Conference

By the Associated Press

OCEAN CITY, Md., May 23.—Maurice Reese Towson of Towson, Md., took office yesterday as governor of the 26th district conference, Rotary International, here.

Mr. Towson was installed at ceremonies which followed an address of welcome by Gov. Lane. The retiring governor is V. Edwin Unger.

The conference opened Sunday and continues through today. The District comprises Maryland east of Frederick County and the District of Columbia.

## Garden Editor To Speak

Wilbur H. Youngman, Sunday Star garden editor, will speak to members of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fairland, Md., at 8 p.m. Thursday.

## Gun Factory Sub 'Sinks' Three Ships in Atlantic



Naval Reserve trainees ready the submarine Drum for a mock dive at the Naval Gun Factory. The three reserve sailors, all 18, are being instructed here by Lt. William B. Van Dusen, 4330 East-West highway, Bethesda. They are (left to right): George Dean, 2203 Channing street N.E.; William Bowles, 3269 Queenstown drive, Mount Rainier; and William Nesbitt, 14 East Woodbine street, Chevy Chase, Md.

About 10 times a year, half a hundred young men, many still in high school, climb aboard the submarine moored at the Naval Gun Factory, and within five minutes are "somewhere in the North Atlantic."

And an hour and a half later, the 300-foot ship is resting tranquilly at the Gun Factory dock again.

Recently the submarine "returned" within that time after riding out a dose of chlorine in one of its engines, a "collision" which flooded the forward torpedo room, and "sinking" at least three ships.

It's the U. S. S. Drum, retired veteran of the war in the Pacific, which through dozens of similar "expeditions" in the last three years has not stirred from the Gun Factory.

One good reason: It can't move a foot under its own power, because it has neither batteries nor propellers.

Another reason is that the Drum is a training ship for Naval Reserve Organized Submarine Division W-8 at the Gun Factory, and many of those aboard are still slightly bewildered by the maze of gadgets and gimmicks that sprout everywhere from a submarine's bulkheads.

**Tough Physical Requirements.** At present, the unit, which represents but a small fraction of organized reservists in the Washington area, consists of 100 men.

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## Takoma Park Acts To Get Church Land

The Takoma Park City Council last night took steps to acquire from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church the park bounded by Carroll, Eastern and Laurel avenues.

Mayor Ross H. Beville appointed Councilmen John H. Niles, Ray H. Eccleston and Lawrence A. Osterhouse to a committee which will confer with church members about a possible transfer. The city proposes to continue using the tract as a park.

Through William E. Van Zile, the Takoma Park Chamber of Commerce proposed that the city within Maple, Denwood, Grant, Ethan Allen, Philadelphia, Carroll and Laurel avenues, and the underpass at Aspen street. Mr. Van Zile also urged extension of the city limits.

The council approved the re-subdividing of a triangular tract between University Lane, Carroll and Merrimack avenues. It will be used for commercial purposes.

The council will conduct a public hearing at 8 p.m. tomorrow on the 1950-51 budget. The meeting will be in the firehouse at Carroll and Denwood avenues.

## Takoma Park School To Register Tomorrow

Registration at Takoma Park Elementary School for all children who will enter kindergarten there in September will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. tomorrow at the school, Philadelphia and Cedar avenues.

Children must be five years old before December 1, 1950, to be eligible for registration. They must have a birth certificate, a doctor's certificate of smallpox vaccination and diphtheria immunization.

## Auto Inspections Urged

RICHMOND, Va., May 23 (AP)—State Police urged motorists today to have their cars inspected early and warned there will be no extension of the June 15 deadline for the current inspection period.

## Plan for Secret Citizen Traffic Corps Studied

### Advisory Board Told How Dallas Drivers Are Reported, Warned

The Commissioners' Traffic Advisory Board has under study a plan to recruit a large force of citizens who would inform authorities of traffic violations undetected by police.

The plan was submitted by Traffic Director George E. Kneipp at last night's meeting of the board in the Municipal Center. Mr. Kneipp emphasized he was not actually suggesting that it be put into use in Washington, but that it was "worth looking into."

The idea was contained in an article which appeared in the April issue of the Kiwanis magazine, a copy of which the traffic director presented to the board.

According to the article, such a system of "T (for Traffic) Men" has been used effectively in Dallas, Tex., enough to cut the traffic death rate in half during the last 11 years.

### Members Unknown.

In Dallas, according to the article, there is a group of 650 private citizens, each of whom is unknown to the public and to his fellows, who report any traffic infraction they happen to witness. The chief of police then sends the violator a "fatherly letter" explaining the hazards of unsafe driving.

There is no fine or ticket involved, and the letter is supposed to "work on the motorist's conscience." In 1947, the article said, the program resulted in 11,670 such letters being sent.

Those recruited are "just ordinary citizens, chosen for their common sense interest in community service."

Although no formal action was taken by the board, Chairman Arthur J. Sundin directed the article to the Committee on Education, headed by A. Julian Brylawski, for study.

Some members recalled that a somewhat similar, although not identical, system had been used in Washington some years ago and had aroused considerable criticism.

### Bridge Traffic Jumps.

In other business Mr. Kneipp reported that on a typical day since the opening of the new Highway Bridge, the traffic count for both new and old bridges totaled about 87,000, "far in excess of what we figured." This compared with a typical 65,107 for the old Highway Bridge.

Emphasizing that the bridge had not been in operation long enough for a significant tally, Mr. Kneipp attributed the increase to "people experimenting on routes and curiosity seekers."

Mr. Kneipp also disclosed that overall traffic in the city has increased 38.4 per cent over that in 1941 and 10.6 per cent over last year's. However, he noted a 34.5 reduction over the Anacostia Bridge, which he attributed to the opening of the new South Capitol Street Bridge.

Inspector William J. Cunningham, in charge of traffic for the Metropolitan Police, submitted a report of figures comparing the period from January 1 through April 30 of this year with the same period last year. The figures showed an increase in traffic accidents (404), traffic injuries (42), property damage (365), personal injuries (95) and total traffic arrests (10,507). The report noted a decrease of three in traffic deaths for the period.

## First Housing Project Of Kind on Army Post Opens at Fort Meade

Special Dispatch to The Star

FORT MEADE, Md., May 23.—A \$3.1 million housing project, the first such privately-financed enterprise on a military reservation under the Wherry Act, was officially opened to the first 33 tenants yesterday.

Known as Meade Heights, it occupies a 50-acre tract which has been leased for 75 years. As each section of units is opened, military authorities are given 30 days in which to fill the houses, under provisions of the Federal law.

After 30 days vacancy, however, the operators may lease to the public. Headquarters says it expects to place military personnel with families in all of the 348 units when they become available.

Rentals will range from \$61.25 a month for the one-bedroom apartments up to \$105 for a six-room semi-detached dwelling. There is no specific segregation of officers and enlisted personnel among the units but only those with families will be eligible to move in.

Ground was broken December 15 by the developers, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph De Chiaro and Sol Silverman, all of Baltimore.

Col. Jesse L. Gibney, headquarters commandant, cut a ribbon across the entrance to the new units yesterday. Among the first to move in were Lt. Col. Joseph Q. Sawyer and his wife, who have been living at Glen Burnie.

## 3 District Area Rabbis To Join in Symposium

Three District area rabbis will take part in a symposium on "What Zionism Means to Me" at the monthly meeting of the Arlington-Fairfax Zionist District of the Zionist Organization of America at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Arlington Jewish Center.

The three, representing the conservative, reformed and orthodox Judaism viewpoints, are Rabbi Irad Sud of the Arlington Jewish Center; Rabbi C. Melvyn Helfgatt of Temple Beth El, Alexandria; and Rabbi Harry J. Kaufman, Congregation Beth Shalom, of the District. Sidney Edelman will be moderator.

## Amplifier Presented To Hyattsville School

The Hyattsville High School yesterday was presented with a new address system by the Hyattsville Civitan Club.

Vincent Sheehy, president of the club, made the presentation to Principal J. A. Miller during a school assembly. Leroy Humphrey, majority leader for the Maryland House of Delegates, spoke.

## Dr. Hopkins to Speak

Dr. L. Thomas Hopkins of Teachers' College, Columbia University, will speak to a meeting of the Montgomery County Branch of the Association for Childhood Education International at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Alta Vista Elementary School, Bethesda.